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The Manager Company Announcements Australian Stock Exchange Limited 20 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir / Madam

## Spark Infrastructure - Reconfirmation of FY2020 Distribution Guidance

Please find attached announcement to the market re. Reconfirmation of FY2020 Distribution Guidance.

Yours faithfully,

Alexandra Finley Company Secretary



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## SPARK INFRASTRUCTURE RECONFIRMS FY2020 DISTRIBUTION GUIDANCE

The Directors of Spark Infrastructure have today reconfirmed distribution guidance for FY2020 of at least 13.5 cents per security (cps), comprising 7.0cps attributable to the first half of 2020 and at least 6.5cps attributable to the second half of 2020, subject to business conditions.

Spark Infrastructure Chair, Dr Doug McTaggart said: "At a time of significant economic disruption, we are pleased to be able to deliver certainty for investors by reconfirming our distribution guidance for 2020. Our essential services investment businesses are robust and resilient and provide certainty of regulated revenues across their respective five-year regulatory periods.

"We are also pleased to have secured \$400 million of three-year bilateral corporate debt facilities maturing in February 2023, as announced in February 2020. This increases our financial flexibility and the ability to support the exciting growth pipeline of regulated and contracted transmission opportunities within TransGrid."

Over the past four years Spark Infrastructure has achieved an average payout ratio of 71% of look-through net operating cash flows and expects distributions will continue to be covered by look-through net operating cash flows.

Spark Infrastructure Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Rick Francis said: "Our businesses have taken a number of steps to ensure continuity of energy supply and the safety of staff and community during their COVID-19 response. They have also stepped up to provide additional support to those experiencing hardship at this time. This includes supporting end-use customers as a part of the network relief package announced by Energy Networks Australia on 2 April 2020, waiving or deferring network charges for residential and small business customers where appropriate, for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020.

"These measures are already on top of the reductions in network charges delivered by our businesses over the last five years, and which are expected to continue for the next five years, as the businesses enter their new regulatory determinations."

"Subject to receiving appropriate regulatory support, we also see our businesses playing an important role in the recovery post COVID-19, with increased spending being required to expand and build new networks to support the transition to a lower emissions electricity sector, with new renewable energy coming from both large scale renewable generation and from residential customers", Mr Francis added.

The revenue cap mechanism under the regulatory framework provides that any volume related decrease in revenue or deferral of revenue is recovered in future years.

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